

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A ~~computerized~~ method [[of]] performed by a computer system for managing a plurality of programs, said method comprising:

receiving, at the computer system, ~~interdependencies~~ cross-program dependency information between activities from a plurality of programs a first program in the plurality of programs and a second program in the plurality of programs, wherein the first program comprises a first plurality of activities and the second program comprises a second plurality of activities, and wherein the cross-program dependency information includes an interdependency between a first activity in the first plurality of activities and a second activity in the second plurality of activities; and

graphically displaying, at the computer system, ~~said interdependencies of said activities~~ the interdependency between the first activity and the second activity in a computerized schedule available to ~~multiple program managers~~ a program manager of the first program and a program manager of the second program, ~~such that~~ wherein a modification of one of said interdependent activities updates said the first or second activities causes an effect of the modification to be graphically displayed in the computerized schedule of said activities.

2. (Currently Amended) A ~~computerized~~ method [[of]] performed by a computer system for managing a plurality of programs, said method comprising:

storing, ~~information about activities from a plurality of programs~~ in a database, cross-program dependency information between a first program in the plurality of programs and a second program in the plurality of programs, wherein the first program comprises a first plurality of activities and the second program comprises a second plurality of activities, and wherein the cross-program dependency information includes an interdependency between a first activity in the first plurality of activities and a second activity in the second plurality of activities

~~the information including interdependency data specifying interdependencies between the activities; and~~

graphically displaying, at the computer system, said interdependency data the interdependency between the first activity and the second activity in a program schedule, wherein a modification of one of ~~said activities in one of said programs~~ the first or second activities causes an effect of said modification ~~to said program schedule~~ to be graphically displayed in the program schedule.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim ~~[[3]]~~ 1 wherein said modification of one of ~~said activities~~ the first or second activities initiates an approval request requiring a response before said modification.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim ~~[[3]]~~ 1 wherein said modification ~~also transmits~~ causes an electronic message to ~~managers of programs affected by said modification~~ be sent to the program manager of the first program and the program manager of the second program.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim ~~[[3]]~~ 1 wherein said ~~electronic computerized~~ schedule is operable ~~for~~ by program managers to raise issues, alert other program managers of scheduling changes, arrange team meetings, and initiate phase exit reviews.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim ~~[[3]]~~ 1 further comprising displaying problem logs associated with the computerized schedule.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim ~~[[3]]~~ 1 wherein ~~said the first and second activities comprise~~ are selected from a group consisting of: phases, tasks, deliverables, and gates.

10. (Currently Amended) A ~~computerized~~ method ~~[[of]]~~ performed by a computer system for managing a plurality of programs, said method comprising:

receiving, at the computer system, ~~interdependencies~~ cross-program dependency information between activities from a plurality of programs a first program in the plurality of programs and a second program in the plurality of programs, wherein the first program comprises a first plurality of activities and the second program comprises a second plurality of activities, and wherein the cross-program dependency information includes an interdependency between a first activity in the first plurality of activities and a second activity in the second plurality of activities; and

graphically displaying, at the computer system, ~~an impact of the interdependency between the first activity and the second activity in a schedule, wherein the graphical display of the schedule includes~~ and a status of one of said activities in one of said programs on said schedule the first activity in the first program and said a status of one of said activities in another of said programs the second activity in the second program.

11. (Currently Amended) A system for managing a ~~program plurality of programs~~, said system comprising:

a database operable to maintain activities identified from a plurality of programs cross-program dependency information between a first program in the plurality of programs and a second program in the plurality of programs, wherein the first program comprises a first plurality of activities and the second program comprises a second plurality of activities, and wherein the cross-program dependency information includes an interdependency between a first activity in the first plurality of activities and a second activity in the second plurality of activities; and

a processor programmed to:

receive ~~interdependencies~~ the cross-dependency information between said activities the first program and the second program; and

graphically display ~~said interdependencies of said activities the~~ interdependency between the first activity and the second activity in an electronic schedule,

viewable and modifiable by ~~multiple program managers~~ a program manager of the first program and a program manager of the second program across a network, ~~such that~~ wherein modification of ~~a scheduled activity~~ one of the first or second activities reestablishes said ~~interdependencies~~ interdependency in an updated, graphical display of said electronic schedule.

12. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 11 wherein the modification of ~~an activity~~ one of the first or second activities initiates an approval request, said approval request requiring a response before said electronic schedule is updated with reestablished interdependencies.

13. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 11 wherein ~~an attempted~~ the modification of one of the first or second activities causes ~~transmits~~ an electronic message to be sent to managers of programs affected by said attempted modification the program manager of the first program and the program manager of the second program.

14. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 11, wherein ~~said processor is further programmed to provide fixed duration scheduling with electronic notification~~ the electronic schedule has a fixed duration, and wherein if the modification to one of the first or second activities causes the fixed duration to change, an electronic notification is sent to the program managers of the first and second programs.

15. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 11, wherein said system is operable for displaying problem logs associated with the electronic schedule.

16. (Original) The system of Claim 11 wherein said system is a web-based Program Management Application.

17. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 11 wherein said system is operable ~~for~~ by program managers to raise issues, alert program managers of scheduling changes, arrange team meetings, and initiate phase exit reviews.

18. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 11, wherein ~~said~~ the first and second activities ~~include~~ are selected from a group consisting of: phases, tasks, deliverables, and gates.

19. (Currently Amended) A system of managing a plurality of programs for the development of products and services, comprising:

a database operative to store ~~interdependencies between activities from a plurality of programs~~ cross-program dependency information between a first program in the plurality of programs and a second program in the plurality of programs, wherein the first program comprises a first plurality of activities and the second program comprises a second plurality of activities, and wherein the cross-program dependency information includes an interdependency between a first activity in the first plurality of activities and a second activity in the second plurality of activities; and

a user interface operative for graphically displaying ~~said interdependencies of said activities~~ the interdependency between the first activity and the second activity over a network in an electronic schedule, viewable and modifiable ~~by program managers~~ a program manager of the first program and a program manager of the second program, such that wherein modification of a scheduled activity one of the first or second activities reestablishes ~~said interdependencies~~ interdependency in an updated, graphical display of said electronic schedule.

20. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 19, wherein said network is The Internet.

21. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 19, wherein said user interface is a JAVA application.

22. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium, the computer-readable medium having stored thereon a series of computer-executable instructions which, when executed by a processing component of a computer system, causes the processing component to manage a plurality of programs with cross-program dependencies by:

receiving ~~interdependencies~~ cross-program dependency information between ~~activities from a plurality of programs~~ a first program in the plurality of programs and a second program in the plurality of programs, wherein the first program comprises a first plurality of activities and the second program comprises a second plurality of activities, and wherein the cross-program dependency information includes an interdependency between a first activity in the first plurality of activities and a second activity in the second plurality of activities; and  
graphically displaying ~~said interdependencies of said activities~~ the interdependency between the first activity and the second activity in an electronic schedule[[,]] viewable by ~~multiple program managers~~ a program manager of the first program and a program manager of the second program, such that wherein modification of ~~a scheduled activity one of the first or second activities~~ reestablishes said interdependencies interdependency in an updated, graphical display of said electronic schedule.

23. (Currently Amended) A set of application program interfaces embodied on a computer-readable medium for execution on a computer in conjunction with an application program that manages a plurality of programs, comprising:

~~a First Interface that receives First Interdependency Data from a First Program;~~  
~~a Second Interface that receives and Second Interdependency Data from a Second Program;~~

~~a Third Interface that displays said First Interdependency Data and said Second Interdependency Data in a program schedule wherein a modification of an activity in one of said programs causes an effect of said modification to said program schedule to be displayed~~

one or more interfaces that receive cross-program dependency information between a first program in the plurality of programs and a second program in the plurality of programs, wherein the first program comprises a first plurality of activities and the second program comprises a second plurality of activities, and wherein the cross-program dependency information includes an interdependency between a first activity in the first plurality of activities and a second activity in the second plurality of activities; and

an interface that graphically displays the interdependency between the first activity and the second activity in an electronic schedule available to a program manager of the first program and a program manager of the second program, wherein a modification of one of the first or second activities causes an effect of the modification to be graphically displayed in the electronic schedule.